

1    WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1.     A method of operating a personal video recorder coupled to a display  
2     device to selectively present broadcast programs and recorded content to a viewer,  
3     comprising:

4                 maintaining a viewing menu in the personal video recorder, wherein the  
5     viewing menu comprises for a predetermined day of a week at least channel and  
6     time information of broadcast programs the viewer has previously selected on  
7     the predetermined day of a previous week;

8                 displaying the viewing menu on the predetermined day of the week to  
9     enable the viewer to select between executing and not executing the viewing  
10    menu in accordance with at least the channel and time information of the  
11    broadcast programs; and

12                selectively updating the viewing menu upon viewer input on the  
13    predetermined day of the week to provide for a history of broadcast programs  
14    the viewer actually selected on the predetermined day of the week.

1           2.     The method of Claim 1, wherein the viewing menu is defined for a  
2     viewing session having a predetermined length.

1           3.     The method of Claim 1, wherein the menu further comprises information  
2     about recorded content.

1           4.     The method of Claim 3, wherein the recorded content includes at least  
2     one of audio/video content and still pictures.

1           5.     The method of Claim 1, further comprising generating a plurality of  
2     different viewing menus for the viewer.

1           6.     The method of Claim 5, wherein the different viewing menus are for  
2     different predetermined days of a week.

1           7.     The method of Claim 1, further comprising generating a plurality of  
2     different viewing menus for different viewers.

1           8.     The method of Claim 1, further comprising executing the sequence of  
2     broadcast programs if the viewer selects execution.

1           9.     The method of Claim 8, wherein executing the sequence of broadcast  
2 programs includes automatically changing channels in accordance with the time  
3 information of the viewing menu.

1           10.    The method of Claim 1, further comprising tracking a viewer's actual  
2 selections of broadcast programs and storing the actual selections in a log file.

1           11.    The method of Claim 10, further comprising prompting the viewer  
2 whether or not to update the menu with the actual selections stored in the log file.

1           12.    The method of Claim 1, further comprising editing the viewing menu by  
2 tagging a broadcast program for viewing as live TV.

1           13.    The method of Claim 12, further comprising automatically tuning to a  
2 broadcast channel to receive the tagged broadcast program in accordance with the  
3 viewing menu.

1           14.    The method of Claim 1, further comprising editing the viewing menu by  
2 tagging a broadcast program for recording.

1           15.    The method of Claim 14, further comprising automatically tuning to a  
2 broadcast channel to receive and record the tagged broadcast program in accordance  
3 with the viewing menu.

1           16.    A personal video recorder configured to connect to a display device to  
2 selectively present broadcast programs and recorded content to a viewer, comprising:

3                   a memory device configured to maintain a viewing menu, wherein the  
4 viewing menu comprises for a predetermined day of a week at least channel and  
5 time information of broadcast programs the viewer has previously selected on  
6 the predetermined day of the week; and

7                   a management module in communication with the memory device to  
8 retrieve and present the viewing menu to the viewer at the predetermined day of  
9 the week, wherein the management module is configured to display the viewing  
10 menu on the predetermined day of the week to enable the viewer to select  
11 between executing and not executing the viewing menu in accordance with at  
12 least the channel and time information of the broadcast programs, and to prompt  
13 the viewer to selectively update the viewing menu on the predetermined day of  
14 the week to provide for a history of broadcast programs the viewer actually  
15 selected on the predetermined day of the week.